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Comments regarding: FCC DA 16-1051, September 19 2016, CC Docket No. 02-6; WC Docket No. 10-90; WC Docket No. 13-184 WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITIONS REGARDING OFF-CAMPUS USE OF EXISTING E-RATE SUPPORTED CONNECTIVITY

To Whom it May Concern:

As President of the Board of Education and Trustee representing 12 public elementary, middle and high schools serving over 5,700 students in the Sacramento City Unified School District, I wish to submit my unreserved support for the approval of recommended changes to allow district-provided and E-rate subsidized network connectivity to be accessed by students at home for educational purposes.

As part of our mandate to provide the highest quality instruction for our students, the Sacramento City Unified School District has deployed infrastructure, tools and digital resources that promote engaging and innovative learning approaches. However, the power of these resources is greatly reduced because a large percentage of the students served by our school district face social, environmental and economic challenges that preclude them from the benefits of our efforts beyond the walls of our classrooms and schools. Approval of the proposed policy changes would enable our district to provide much-needed internet access to the homes and communities of our neediest students, and to extend learning beyond the confines of the school building and school day.

On behalf of the parents, teachers and students of our district, I strongly urge the Bureau and Commission to approve these requests.

Thank you,

Christina Pritchett
President, Board of Education
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